

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) A chewable toy for animals, which can be produced by the moulding into a desired configuration of a mixture comprising:
  - 100 parts by weight of a degradable polymeric composition comprising a starchy material and a degradable ethylene copolymer,
  - from 5 to 30 parts by weight of isomalt, and
  - from 0.5 to 5 parts by weight of garlic or derivatives thereof.
2. (Original) A toy according to Claim 1, in which the mixture comprises from 10 to 20 parts by weight of isomalt per 100 parts by weight of degradable polymeric composition.
3. (Currently Amended) A toy according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~, in which the mixture comprises from 1 to 3 parts by weight of garlic or its derivatives per 100 parts by weight of degradable polymeric composition.
4. (Currently Amended) A toy according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~, in which the derivative of garlic is a powder which can be produced as a result of the formation of a suspension of garlic bulbs in water in a ratio by weight within the range between 1:2 and 1:5 and subsequent lyophilization of the suspension with a preliminary stage of cooling to -50°C for

from 4 to 8 hours followed by a heating stage with a duration of between 12 and 24 hours, to a temperature no greater than 50°C.

5. (Currently Amended) A toy according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~ in which the mixture also comprises from 1 to 20, and preferably from 5 to 10, parts by weight of chestnut flour per 100 parts by weight of degradable polymeric composition.

6. (Currently Amended) A toy according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~, in which the mixture also comprises from 5 to 30, and preferably from 15 to 20, parts by weight of ground raw animal hide per 100 parts by weight of degradable polymeric composition.

7. (Currently Amended) A toy according to ~~any one of preceding claims 1 to 5~~, in which the mixture also comprises from 0.01 to 1 part by weight of hide aroma per 100 parts by weight of degradable polymeric composition.

8. (Currently Amended) A toy according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~ in which the mixture also comprises from 0.5 to 3, and preferably from 1 to 2, parts by weight of sodium hexametaphosphate per 100 parts by weight of degradable polymeric composition.

9. (Currently Amended) A toy according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~ in which the starchy material is selected from the group consisting of starch, hydrolyzed starch, starch dextrin and mixtures thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) A toy according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~, in which the degradable ethylene copolymer is selected from the group consisting of poly(ethylene-acrylic acid), poly(ethylene-vinyl alcohol) and mixtures thereof.

11. (Currently Amended) A toy according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~, in which the ratio by weight between the ethylene copolymer and the starchy material is within the range between 1:6 and 2:1 and, preferably, within the range between 1:6 and 1:1.

12. (Currently Amended) A toy according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~ in which the polymeric composition also includes a plasticizer in a quantity of between 10% and 40% by weight, the plasticizer being selected from the group consisting of glycerol, sorbitol, sorbitan, manitol, maltitol, hydrogenated starch syrup, sucrose, maltose, fructose, and mixtures thereof.

13. (Currently Amended) A toy according to ~~any one of the preceding claims 1~~, having the shape of a bone.